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DEATH OF ANIMALS IN ZOOS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether animals are dying in major zoos in the country as reported in the Dainik Jagran' dated March 04, 2008;

(b) if so, the total number of animals died in the national zoos during the current year, till-date, alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(c) the amount spent on the development of the zoos along with procurement of new species of animals from funds allocated during the current year so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) &(b) There have been deaths of animals in zoos including National Zoological Park, New Delhi. National Zoological Park, New Delhi is the only National Zoo in the country. The detail of deaths of animals in National Zoological Park, New Delhi during current year (1-04-2007 to 12-03-2008) is placed at Annexure-I.

(c) The Central Zoo Authority had provided financial assistance of Rs. 93.779 lakhs for the development of the Zoos in the country during the current year upto 13.3.2008. No financial assistance for procurement of new species of animals is provided by the Central Zoo Authority.